

REMARKS

Prior to entry of the present amendment, Claims 1-17 and 19-29, 31-35 and 37-41 were pending. Claims 18, 30, 36 and 42 were previously canceled. In the present amendment, Claims 1-6 are canceled and Claims 7 and 31 are amended, thereby leaving Claims 8-17, 19-29, 32-35 and 37-41 unchanged. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's allowance of Claims 14-17, 19-29 and 37-41 and the Examiner's indication that Claims 7-13 and 31-35 include allowable subject matter.

Allowable Claim 7 has been rewritten into independent form to include the limitations of the base claim. Accordingly, new independent Claim 7 is allowable. Dependent Claims 8-13 depend from Claim 7 and are allowable for the same and other reasons.

Allowable Claim 31 has been rewritten into independent form to include the limitations of the base claim. Accordingly, new independent Claim 31 is allowable. Dependent Claims 32-35 depend from Claim 31 and are allowable for the same and other reasons.

Objection to the Specification

The Examiner objected to the specification for "failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter." Specifically, the Examiner mentions that Claim 2 includes the term "protrusion" and the specification uses the term "projection." As mentioned above, Claim 2 has been canceled, thereby rendering this objection moot.

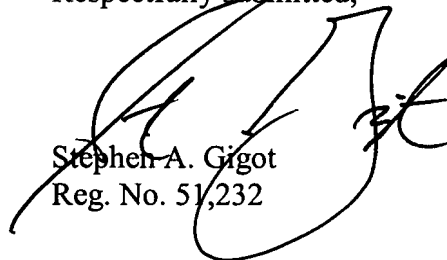
Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and 103(a)

Claims 1-4 and 6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,190,221 ("Updike"). Claim 5 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Updike. As mentioned above, Claims 1-6 have been canceled, thereby rendering these rejections moot.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, allowance of Claims 7-13 and 31-35, in addition to the previous allowance of Claims 14-17, 19-29 and 37-41, are respectfully requested. Applicant reserves the right to present the cancelled claims or similar claims and to address the Examiner's rejections in one or more continuing or divisional applications.

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